

IN THE CLAIMS

1       Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A tool for insertion through the coracoid process  
and into the glenoid vault of a scapula, comprising:  
  
5       an elongated, hollow, rigid tube, having an exterior surface and an open interior portion  
that extends between distal and proximal ends; said tube having a length and  
diameter such that its distal end may be positioned in the glenoid vault and so  
that its proximal end may be placed into communication with a suction  
mechanism;  
  
10      an elongated sleeve which ~~is~~ operatively coupled with slidably mounted on said tube in  
a manner that permits selective, sliding movement of said sleeve along a length  
of the exterior surface of said tube; said sleeve having proximal and distal ends;  
and  
  
15      a gasket operatively coupled to the distal end of said sleeve and the exterior surface of  
said tube in a manner that permits selective, sliding movement of said gasket  
along a length of the exterior surface of said tube; said gasket being positioned in  
a manner that establishes to be slidably coupled with said tube so that a seal is  
established between the distal end of said sleeve and the exterior surface of said  
tube; said gasket being shaped and sized for selective sealing engagement with  
20      the coracoid process when the distal end of said tube is positioned in the glenoid  
vault.

25      Claim 2 (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein said distal end of said tube has a  
plurality of openings formed therein.

1           Claim 3 (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein said distal end of said tube has an  
arcuate portion.

5           Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 1 wherein said tube is provided  
with an angular bend, adjacent the distal end of said tube, so that the open interior  
portion of is angularly disposed with respect to the remainder of said tube extends along  
5           a non-linear path between said proximal and distal ends.

10          Claim 5 (Original) The tool of claim 1 further including a flexible obturator which  
may be selectively extended through said tube to clear said tube of debris.

10          Claim 6 (Canceled)

10          Claim 7 (Canceled)

15          Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A tool for drawing external material into the  
honeycomb structure of a bone by providing negative pressure to a bone cavity,  
comprising:

20          an elongated tube having distal and proximal ends and an outer surface;  
said distal end of said elongated tube being positionable within the bone cavity, and  
said proximal end of said elongated tube being in operative communication with  
a suction mechanism; and

25          a sleeve, having proximal and distal end portions, that is slidably coupled with the outer  
surface of said elongated tube; said distal end portion of said sleeve having a  
sealing surface that is shaped and sized for selective sealing engagement with  
the bone when the distal end of said elongated tube is positioned in the bone  
cavity can be selectively positioned against the bone, around an opening to said

~~bone cavity, to seal said bone cavity while said suction mechanism provides negative pressure to said bone cavity to draw the external material into the honeycomb structure of the bone.~~

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